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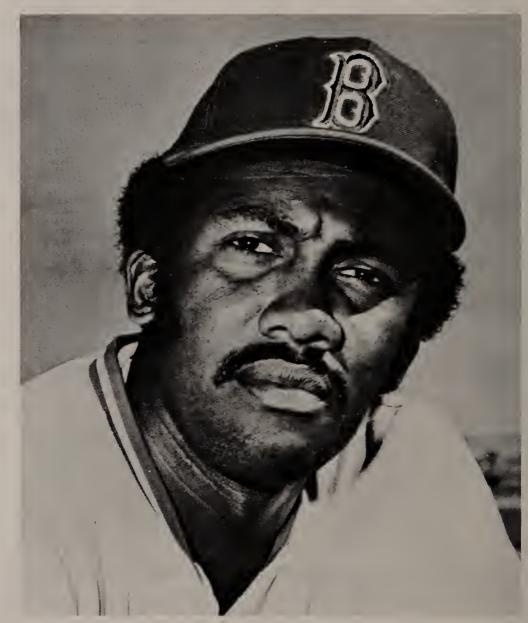
The experts foresaw a gloomy future for the Red Sox one year ago, but as the saying goes, "What a difference a year makes!" The defending American League Champions are leading contenders for the Eastern Division title and the American League pennant. And Boston fans are optimistically looking for another World Series appearance. The exciting 1975 Series, with pitching dramatics by Luis Tiant and home run heroics in Game 6 by Bernie Carbo and Carlton Fisk, capped a great year for the underdog Red Sox.

The winter acquisitions of pitchers Ferguson Jenkins (from Texas) and Tom House (from Atlanta) should bolster the pitching staff. Jenkins won 191 games for the Cubs and Rangers while House has been a fine left-handed reliever the past two seasons. They are fine additions to a pitching staff that features starters Tiant, Bill Lee, Rick Wise and Reggie Cleveland plus a bullpen contingent of Dick Drago, Jim Willoughby, Jim Burton, Dick Pole and Diego Segui. Two excellent young prospects are right Don Aase and lefty Rick Jones.

Pennant winners are strong up the middle and the Red Sox are no

exception. The catching group is led by a healthy Fisk who hit .331 with 10 home runs and 52 RBI in only 79 games last summer. De-

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The outfield corps ranks with the best in baseball. Jim Rice, Fred Lynn and Dwight Evans have established themselves as an outstanding trio and Carbo and Rick Miller have the ability to start for many teams.

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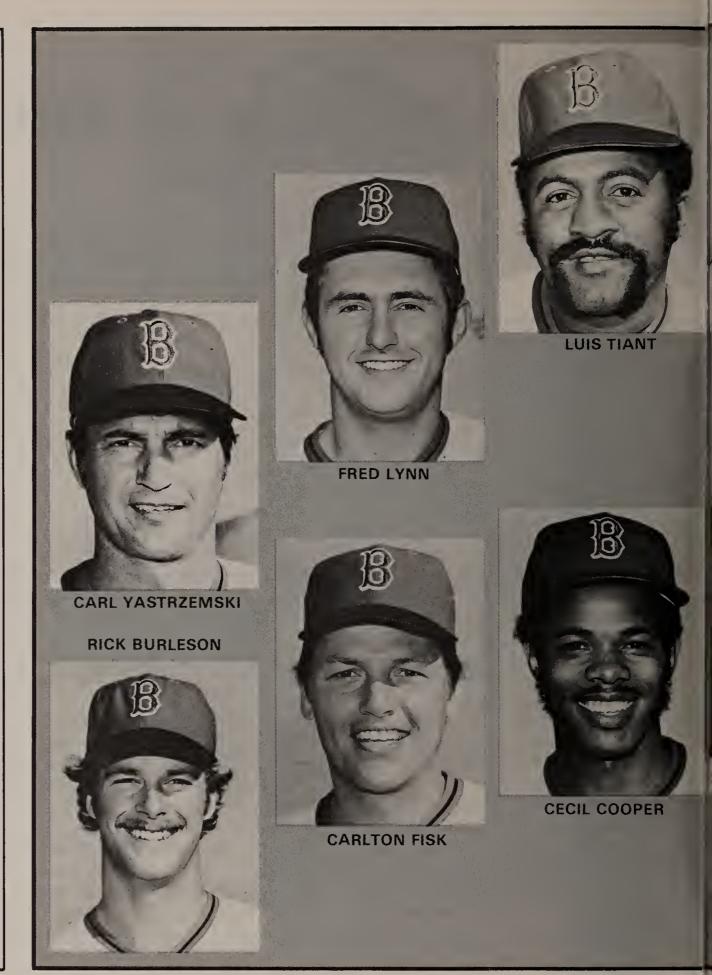
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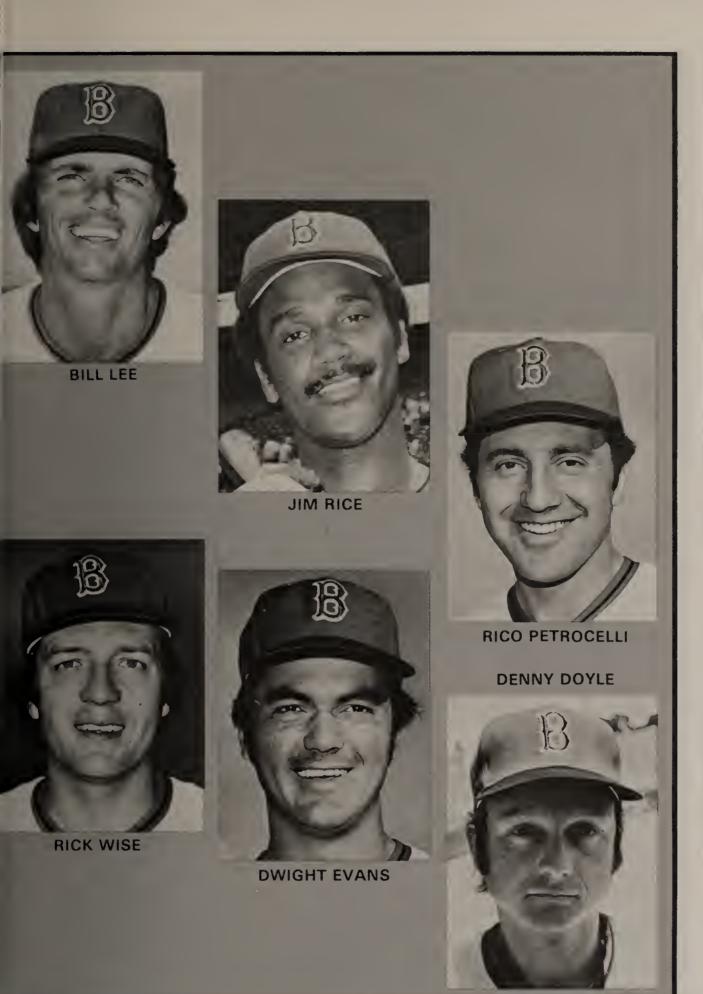
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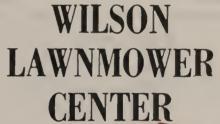
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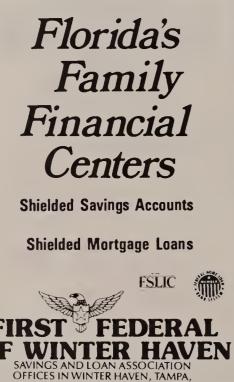
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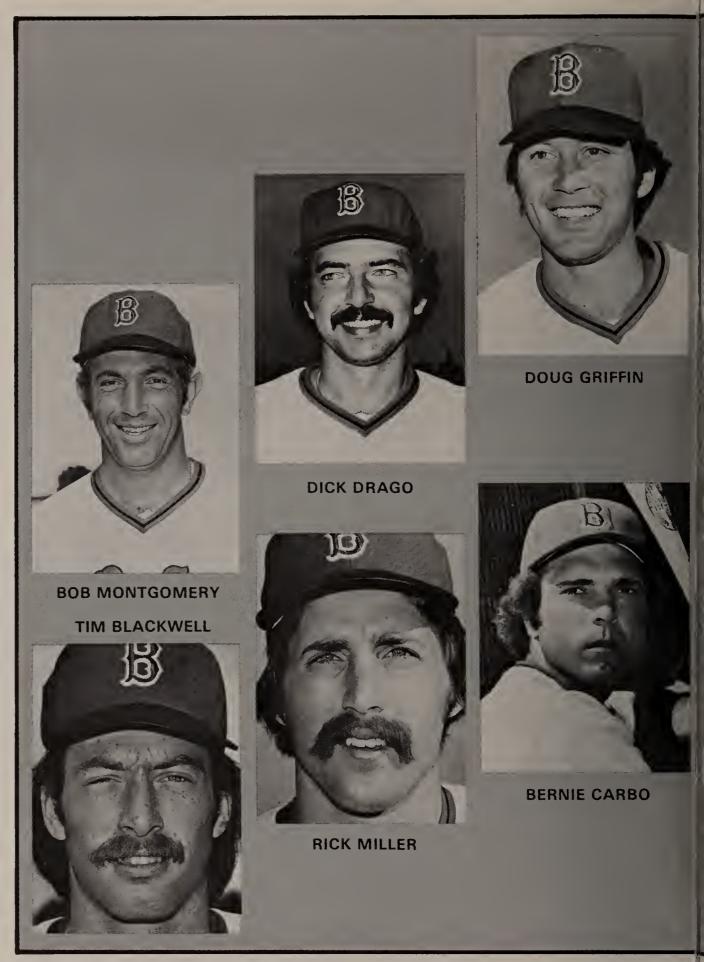
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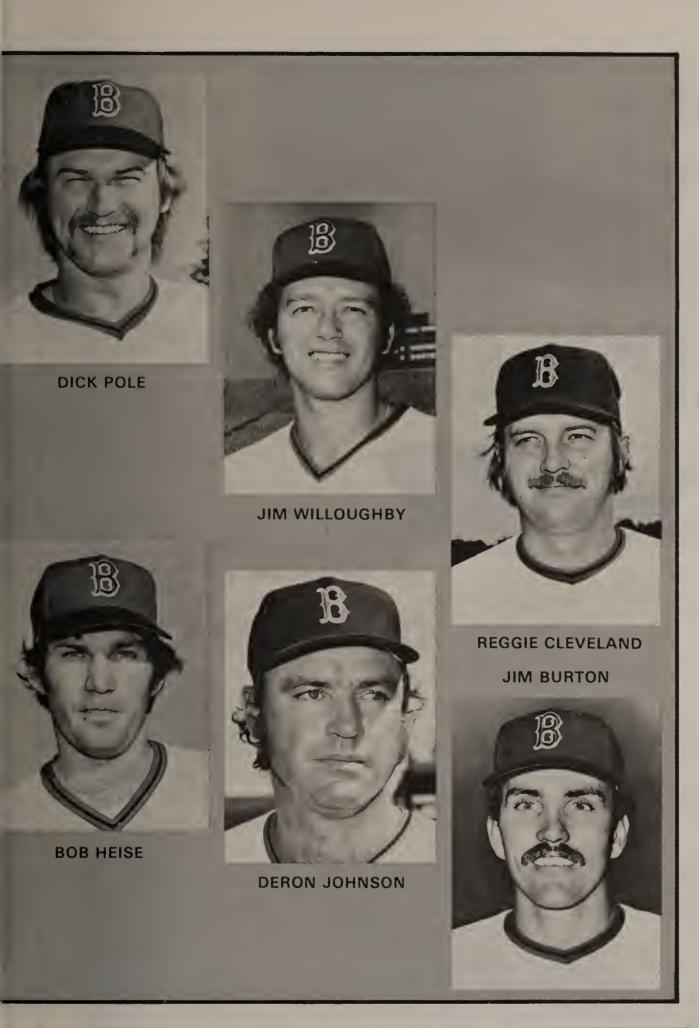
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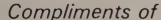
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- 22 Darrell Johnson, mgr.
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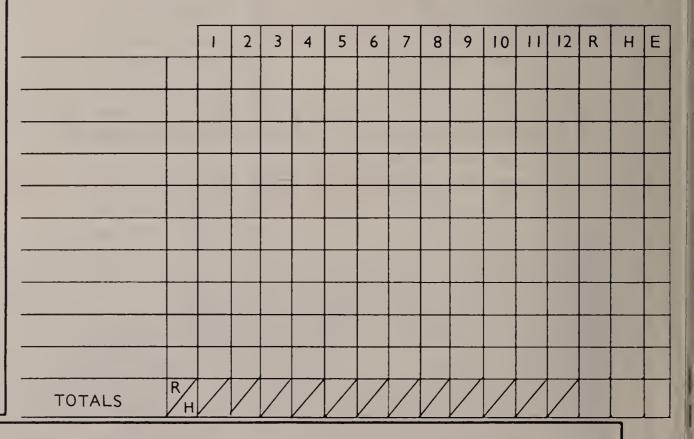
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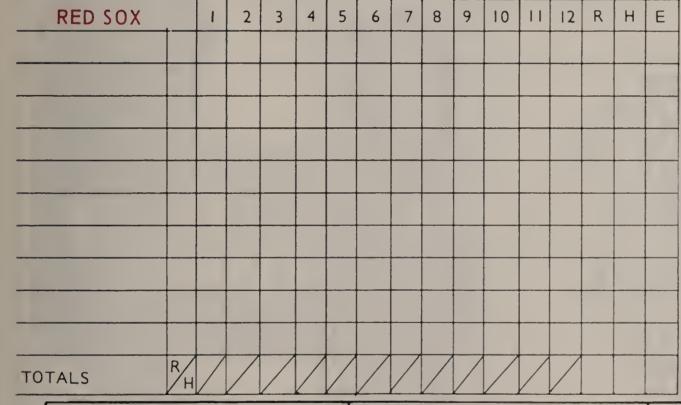
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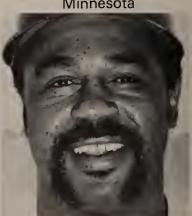
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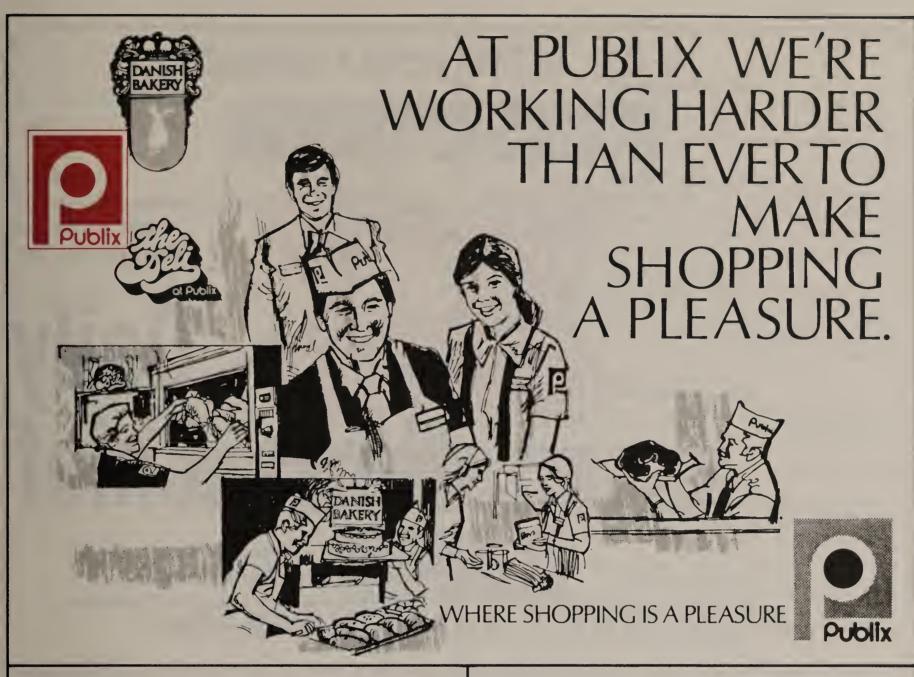
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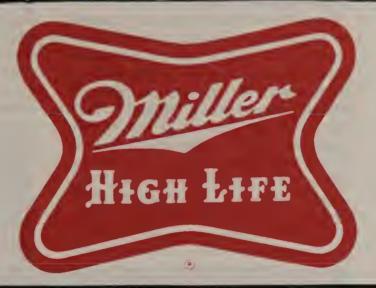
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1975 — "That was a Very Good Year"

The Boston Red Sox' pennant express started slowly in April, picked up speed in May, started really rolling in June, roared through July into August and then settled down to a steady winning pace to hold off the continuous challenge of the pre-season co-favored Baltimore Orioles and win the title in the American League's East Division. The surge continued with the Red Sox upsetting the Oakland A's in three straight games to win the pennant.

Although there were individual heroes all along the way, the story of the year had to be the arrival of two of the finest rookies for any club in baseball history in the same year — 23-year-old Fred Lynn, out of Southern California, and 22-year-old Jim Rice, out of Andrson, S.C. — and the mid-season purchase of two surprise packages, infielder Denny Doyle and relief pitcher Jim Willoughby.

In April, New England fans, still remembering the club's 1974 late-August and September collapse, cautiously watched the comeback efforts of Tony Conigliaro after a three-year absence from the major leagues. They marveled at the early hitting of Lynn and were delighted with Bernie Carbo's fine start. They waited, however, for the return of Carlton Fisk, whose comeback from a 1974 knee injury had been sidetracked by a fracture of the arm suffered in spring training. They also watched as Rice served as a designated hitter while he worked hard at improving his fielding. Overall, Red Sox fans were skeptical in April.

It was early in May when the Sox dropped to two games below .500 and there was cause for concern, but suddenly the pitching straightened out, with winning efforts from southpaw Bill Lee and righthanders Rick Wise and Luis Tiant. After an injury-loaded sea-

son in 1974, the emergence of Wise as a regular starter was possibly the best news of the month and the club slowly progressed to the top.

As mid-June approached, it became obvious that Conigliaro's game effort at a comeback was not realistic, and on June 13, when Tony C went down to Class AAA, the club obtained second baseman Denny Doyle from the California Angels. Certainly, this was no cause for dancing in the streets, but as things developed, it was a master stroke.

Then, on the night of June 18 in Tiger Stadium, Detroit, lightning struck in the form of Lynn's personal destruction of the Tigers with five hits, inclu-

series, playing more innings in each game, and by June 30 things had brightened. However, on that night, righthander Dick Pole, newly installed into the starting rotation, had his cheek bone shattered by a line drive off the bat of Tony Muser in the ninth inning of an important win over Baltimore, and the outlook had darkened somewhat.

In another move, lightly regarded at the time, the Red Sox acquired right-hander Jim Willoughby from Tulsa of the St. Louis Cardinals' system. Willoughby, who had seen major league action with the San Francisco Giants without great success, experienced a rough first outing for the Red Sox against the Cleveland Indians, but then



All smiles as they drive for the pennant L to R — Lynn, Rice and "Yaz".

ding three home runs and a triple, ten RBIs and a record 16 total bases. Those shots were heard throughout the major leagues and it might have signalled the arrival of this pennant express into high gear.

On June 25, after dropping a game and a half back of the Yankees, the stage was set for a dramatic four-game series between two ancient rivals in Fenway Park before record-setting crowds. The Red Sox took three out of four and moved into first place in the American League East to stay for the remainder of the season.

Fisk had returned to action for that

became a prime contributor to the best July record for any Sox team back to 1948. They roared through the month at a 22-11 clip, with Willoughby winning and saving games and Doyle putting together a 22-game batting streak, tops in the American League for the year.

Carl Yastrzemski's bat came alive, "Pudge" Fisk showed no ill effects from his injured knee of 1974 or his broken arm of the spring of 1975, and Rick Burleson, Boston's "Iron Man," continued making the big plays at shortstop and coming through with clutch hits.

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The Orioles cut that lead to seven and a half games with a two-game sweep at Fenway Park early in August.



Everyone's MVP of 1975 Fred Lynn

With the Red Sox facing their toughest trip of the season, a 15-game tour through the West, with a stopover game in Cooperstown, fiery Earl Weaver pointed to last year's Red Sox collapse and talked about history repeating.

But Earl hadn't checked this Red Sox club and its road record, the best in more than 30 years. Darrell Johnson's crew survived the tough western trip with a 9-6 record and returned to Fenway Park with the schedule in the final weeks of the season in their favor.

By this time, it had become obvious that the Red Sox had two bonafide candidates for American League Rookie of the Year and also Most Valuable Player in Fred Lynn and Jim Rice. Rice, now installed as the regular left fielder, after leading all of the league's designated hitters most of the season, started

to match Fred in home runs and RBI production. Not since 1938, when Cleveland had Geoff Heath and Ken Keltner, had a club boasted of two rookies with more than 100 RBIs each in a season. The newly-named Red Sox Gold Dust Twins had almost identical home run records and although Lynn's average stayed consistently higher, Rice had more game-winning hits.

One Rice went into left field to stay, Cecil Cooper came off the bench to hit at a .375 pace as the club's designated hitter. Dwight Evans shook off an early-season slump, and with this powerful batting attack, the Red Sox emerged with three big winners in Wise, Lee and Tiant, backed by the brilliant relief work of Willoughby and Dick Drago. Southpaw Roger Moret, once installed into the starting rotation, won big games and Dick Pole came back from his injury.

Through it all, Burleson, known affectionately as "The Rooster," was teaming daily with either Doyle or Doug Griffin around second base, and combined with Fisk behind the plate and Lynn in centerfield, the Red Sox had the best up-the-middle defense they had had in years.

When Rico Petrocelli, who had played well in the field all season, was sidelined with recurring headaches and dizziness late in August, the Red Sox surprised by reactivating veteran Dick McAuliffe. The former Tiger, who presumably had closed out his active career with the Red Sox in 1974, had been doing an outstanding job of managing the Bristol Red Sox into first place in the Eastern League, but hadn't played.

McAuliffe and Bob Heise alternated in Rico's absence. Petrocelli's problems traced to his being struck on the head by a pitch thrown by Jim Slaton of Milwaukee, and rest and medication had him ready for the September stretch run.

In the meantime, new problems arose with "stopper" Luis Tiant coming up with a bad back, which made him miss

two late-August starts, and the doom forecasters had a field day. Tiant, as he had done so many times in the past four seasons, bounced back with a near no-hitter against Detroit early in September. He followed with the key victory of the season, beating Baltimore ace Jim Palmer, 2-0 in a "must" game on September 16. That gave the Red Sox a 5½-game cushion with 11 games to play, and even though the Orioles won the next night, the Sox had enough of an edge to hold off the relentless Oriole pursuit.

Petrocelli's return was highlighted by big hits in come-from-behind wins over Milwaukee before the Tiant-Palmer classic matchup. That series was also important because both Lynn and Rice passed the 100-RBI mark. Unfortunately, Rice became the victim of misfortune on September 21 when he was struck on the left hand by a pitch by Detroit's Vern Ruhle and suffered a fracture that finished him for the season.



All season long it was "Loueee, Loueee, Loueee" at Fenway Park

The race between the Red Sox and the Orioles took on a comic turn in September when a Baltimore disc jockey journeyed to Africa to employ the services of a witch doctor to cast a spell on the Red Sox. Loyal Red Sox rooters responded with every manner of jinx dispeller.

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1975 club would not collapse as the 1974 team had. Boston fans continued to storm Fenway Park, and attendance approached 1,800,000 in the smallest park in the nation as the Red Sox again led the American League at the gate for the sixth time in the last nine years.

As the song says, "That Was a Very Good Year" because of the team's overall balance of pitching and hitting and defense, plus bench strength. Players who could have been starters for many other major league clubs were continually coming off the bench when needed to make their contribution infielders Bob Heise and Doug Griffin,



It had been three in a row over Oakland, and the owner, Tom Yawkey, and the manager, Darrell Johnson, were understandably happy.

from first to third and killed an A's rally.

The following inning he hit a two run

homerun to spark a tying rally and

doubled and scored the go ahead run in

the 6th inning. In Game #3 in Oakland,

he made two sensational fielding plays

on Jackson, either one of which could

have turned the final 5-3 Red Sox win

Series, regarded by many as one of the

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6 ranking with all the great games in

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cinnati won in seven games, with a

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who went 7-for-9 as a pinch hitter during Doyle's 22-game hitting streak; outfielders Rick Miller, Juan Beniquez and Bernie Carbo, catchers Tim Blackwell and Bob Montgomery, and the bullpen, led by mid-season addition Jim Willoughby, who quickly became its

Darrell Johnson had undoubtedly profited from the mistakes of 1974 and he had valuable aid from holdover coaches Don Zimmer, Don Bryant and Eddie Popowski, and newcomers Johnny Pesky and Stan Williams, the club's pitching coach.

It was "Yaz" more than any other single person who led the Red Sox to the three game sweep over Oakland, with plays that reminded all of his great

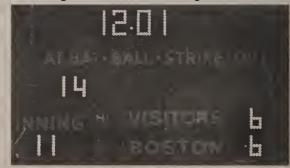


Bernie Carbo was ready in the 8th inning of game no. 6.

leadership in 1967, when he led the Red Sox to the "Impossible Dream" pennant.

In Game # 1 of the championship series, Luis Tiant threw a brilliant three hitter, but Carl made a brilliant catch in the 7th inning to protect a 2-0 Red Sox lead. In Game #2, with Oakland leading 2-0 and threatening for more, Yaz threw out Campaneris trying to move

the ninth, throughout the Series, it was Red Sox personnel who contributed most to the excitement . . . Tiant, brilliant in Game # 1 and courageous in Game # 4 for his two wins . . . Dwight Evans homering in the 9th inning of Game #3 to set the stage for one of the all time rhubarbs, Armbrister and Fisk colliding at home plate in one of the most disputed plays in Series history . . . and in Game # 6, Fred Lynn's early three game homerun, the Reds battled back, and then Bernie Carbo's dramatic 8th inning blast to tie again . . . Dwight Evans sensational catch for a double play in the 11th and finally, Carlton Fisk's leadoff "shot heard round the world" in the 12th to send the Series to seven games . . . although there was



The score board told the whole story until Fisk's shot in the 12th.

heartache in the 7th game, the Red Sox had not treated seriously after a the three run third, and the Reds got the impetus they needed from a 6th inning two out two homerun by Tony Perez, but even after Joe Morgan's bloop single scored Griffey with what proved to the the winning run in the 9th, all Red Sox fans could agree . . . "1975, That Was a Very Good Year".

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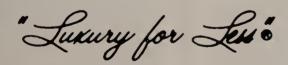
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The spirit of celebration engendered by our nation's Bicentennial is also manifesting itself throughout baseball this year. The National League is observing the seventy-fifth anniversary of its emergence as a major league and the National Association is marking its seventy-fifth year as governing body of

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Nostalgia usually is associated with the older generations and seldom with our youth. But when it comes to baseball, even youngsters show a keen interest in the past. This is especially true when what is being recalled involves such legendary figures as Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays or Hank Aaron, for example, or pertains to such artifacts as baseball cards of bygone eras.

"The ultimate glory of baseball is Cooperstown, the Hall of Fame and its members," Commissioner Bowie Kuhn has often commented.

At the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, visitors can enjoy the entire gamut of baseball history. Exhibits range from the days of Abner Doubleday, who supposedly invented the game in Cooperstown in 1839, to the present.

The oldest object on display, ripped and looking so fragile in its glass case, is a homemade baseball that Doubleday

himself may have used while playing with boyhood chums. Another ancient memento is the large clock that adorned the clubhouse of the first professional team, the 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings. There also is a case



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Displays on the stars of more recent vintage — Mantle, Whitey, Ford, Sandy Koufax, Roberto Clemente and others — likewise abound. And there is a

"Baseball Today" room where the contemporary scene is presented. It contains separate exhibits on each of the 24 major league teams as well as on such current standouts as Tom Seaver, Pete Rose and Reggie Jackson. The pen that Catfish Hunter used to sign his multi-million dollar Yankee contract and the bat with which Rennie Stennett made his record-breaking ten successive hits in 1975 also are among the contemporary items.

Other categories of exhibits feature the minor leagues, the old Negro Leagues, famous baseball paintings such as Norman Rockwell's "The Three Umpires," a bat-turning lathe, the Temple Cup, which was presented annually to the National League champion in the 1890s, and baseball cards from the late 1880s to the present.

The patriotic fervor inspired by the Bicentennial long has been evident in Cooperstown. A village of only 2,500 residents, it has four other museums in addition to the Baseball Hall of Fame. One writer, following a visit to each of the museums last year, wrote that "few places stimulate the patriotic juices more than Cooperstown."

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